

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
3:23-cv-00060-MR**

ROBERT JEREMY HAYNES, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
FNU RICHARDS, et al., )  
Defendants. )

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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on initial review of Plaintiff's Complaint. [Doc. 1].

## I. BACKGROUND

In this action filed on February 1, 2023, pro se Plaintiff Robert Jeremy Haynes (“Plaintiff”), a state prisoner currently incarcerated at Alexander Correctional Institution in Taylorsville, North Carolina, purports to bring claims arising out of events occurring at Eastern Correctional Institution (“Eastern CI”) in Maury, North Carolina.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff names FNU Richards, identified as an Officer at Eastern CI, and FNU Deas, identified as a Sergeant at Eastern CI, as Defendants in this matter, in their individual capacities only.

<sup>1</sup> Maury, North Carolina, is in the Eastern District.

[Doc. 1 at 3]. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants violated his constitutional rights through their use of excessive force and failure to protect Plaintiff from harm. [Id. at 5-6]. Plaintiff claims various physical injuries and seeks monetary relief. [Id. at 7-8].

## **II. DISCUSSION**

In an action arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, venue is established by 28 U.S.C. § 1333(b), which provides: (b) A civil action may be brought in: (1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located; (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated; or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court's personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.

Therefore, under Section 1333, Plaintiff's action may be heard in a venue where all the defendants reside, or in the venue where the issue substantially arose, which here is the Eastern District of North Carolina. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), the Court may dismiss this action, or, if it is in the interest of justice, transfer this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The Court will transfer this

action to the Eastern District of North Carolina.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated herein, the Court transfers this action to the Eastern District of North Carolina.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's action is transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina.
2. The Clerk is instructed to terminate this action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: February 28, 2023



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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

